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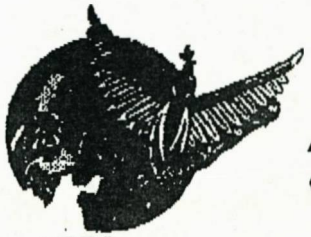

ASIA-PACIFIC CONFERENCE ON EAST TIMOR (APCET)

June 17, 1994

Dear Friends,

Warmest solidarity greetings from the APCET secretariat!

We are honored to inform you that the Asia-Pacific Conference on East Timor was a resounding success! We can now take pride in the fact that the East Timor issue has not only been projected the world over anew but has been brought home justly where it rightly belongs: in Southeast Asia.

But after the heady feeling in the conference's aftermath, we are sobered by the daunting tasks and challenges ahead. It is now time to harvest and tediously collect the grains that have flowed over from our hands.

As we have anticipated, our expenses in the conference was more than what we had budgeted. This can be traced to the following three major factors:

1. Budget was drafted two years ago, when the exchange rate was still prevailing at $1 ; Peso 28. Funds finally came in last month when the Peso had appreciated with the exchange rate at $1 ; Peso 26.

We should actually be happy with this as it means our currency is getting stronger. But it also meant major budgetary loss for APCET.

2. The controversy that the conference generated meant higher spending on certain items-- i.e. communications, security and human resource. And apportioning funds for unbudgeted items. On the plus side, the hullabaloo reduced spending on publicity and media campaign.

3. Original budget was slashed and revised until a final figure of $50,000 was pegged. However certain items that were deleted and assumed as Philippine counterpart just have to be restored to ensure a smooth and succesful conference.

Attached is the financial report which shows a $3,651.63 deficit. This does not include another amount of $3,699.00 which we have to refund to some Asian participants. They include a Nepalese, two Malaysians, one Thai and two Sri Lankans. We have taken responsibility of the two other Sri Lankans who were deported ,and to another for a half fare from Europe.

Our total deficit then is $7,350.63.

May we approach your good offices once more to help us defray this deficit? We cling with the hope in your untiring commitment to help those who are in dire need such as us.

Rest assured that we will do our utmost in reaffirming our dedication to the world's marginalized, and in this case, our East Timorese sisters and brothers.

Hoping for your most favorable response, we remain

Very sincerely yours.

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